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R 251503Z JAN 74  
FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9227  
INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN  
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AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

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6. PICTURE SEEMS TO BE SHAPING UP THAT SA STILL GETTING SUB-  
STANTIAL CRUDE SUPPLY, WHETHER AT OR NEAR NORMAL AND WHETHER THIS  
MERELY REFLECTED PRE-EMBARGO SHIPMENT MOMENTUM STILL UNCLEAR.  
SAVINGS IN CONSUMPTION ARE APPARENTLY SUBSTANTIAL,  
RUNNING PERHAPS 15 TO 20 PERCENT AND THE PEAK VACATION MOTOR  
GASOLINE DRAIN HAS BEEN PASSED WITHOUT ANY PUMPS RUNNING DRY.  
BACKED ALSO BY AN OBVIOUSLY LARGE STRATEGIC RESERVE, SAG  
HAS CONSIDERABLE LATITUDE IN HOW IT PLAYS THE PETROLEUM  
SITUATION. SAG HAS NOW RPT NOW ANNOUNCED (SEE CAPE TOWN 45  
AND PRETORIA 325) THAT ONLY SHIPS CALLING FOR TRADE PURPOSES  
WILL BE ASSURED BUNKERS, WITH TRADITIONAL TRADERS HAVING FIRST  
PRIORITY. THOSE NOT ENGAGED IN SA TRADE HERE WARNED OF VIRTUAL  
EXCLUSION FROM BUNKERING. SUPERFICALLY AT LEAST, PRESSURE ON  
NON-SOUTHERN AFRICA TRADE CAPE ROUTE SHIPPING THROUGH BUNKERS  
RESTRICTION WOULD SEEM AN ATTRACTIVE PLOY IN GENERATING IN-  
TEREST OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN GETTING THE SPECIFIC SA EMBARGO  
LIFTED OR ALTERNATE SOURCES ASSURED. GIVEN THE UNDOUBTED  
PROBLEMS COMPANIES ARE HAVING WITH BUNKERS GENERALLY AND CON-  
SEQUENTLY OF IMPORTING HERE TO SUPPLEMENT LOCAL REFINERY  
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SUPPLY, HOWEVER, JUDGEMENT AS TO JUST HOW MUCH THIS  
MOTIVATION FIGURES IN SAG'S APPROACH TO THE BUNKER QUESTION  
SHOULD PROBABLY BE RESERVED. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS BY CAPE TOWN  
AND DURBAN OFFICERS BOTH COMPANIES WILL HOPEFULLY SHED MORE  
LIGHT ON THE ACTUAL BUNKER SUPPLY SITUATION AND HOW  
IT IS BEING HANDLED IN PRACTICE.  
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